

CLAIMS

- 5 1. A system for restricting access to television programs comprising:  
 an input for accepting cursor movement and selection commands;  
 a display generator that depicts a two dimensional matrix composed of rows and  
 columns of tiles, wherein either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to overall  
 program ratings and either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to specific  
 program content indications and depicts highlighting of individual tiles or groups of tiles based  
 on the cursor movement commands  
 means for blocking or allowing viewing of television programs based on the overall  
 program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows and columns corresponding the  
 highlighted tiles when a selection command is entered into the input.
- 10 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the overall program ratings comprise one or more of  
 group of TV-Y, TV-Y7, TV-G, TV-PG, TV-14, TV-MA, G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17  
 and X.
- 15 3. The system of claim 2 wherein the specific program content indication comprises one  
 or more of the group of L, language, V, violence, MV, mild violence, FV, fantasy  
 violence, BN, brief nudity, N. nudity, S, sexual content, AS, adult situations, D,  
 suggestive dialog.
- 20 4. The system of claim 1 wherein the specific program content indication comprises one  
 or more of the group of L, language, V, violence, MV, mild violence, FV, fantasy  
 violence, BN, brief nudity, N. nudity, S, sexual content, AS, adult situations, D,  
 suggestive dialog.
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